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In re application of

Tadashi Fujii et al.

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GENE PARTICIPATING IN THE PRODUCTION OF HOMOGLUTAMIC ACID AND ITS USE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated March 29, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 1, delete the entire heading.

line 6, replace the heading with the following new headings:

Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention

line 14, replace the heading with the following new heading:

2. Description of the Related Art.

Page 3, line 16, replace the heading with the following new heading: